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TO : Director of Training
 VIA : Chief, Operations School
 FROM : Chief, Headquarters Training

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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 40
 29 September - 5 October 1960

I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ITEMS

a. Clandestine Services Review: The Clandestine Services Review course is in the second week. One student, [REDACTED] dropped out to assume immediately the job of executive officer to [REDACTED]. Otherwise the student body is intact and showing high interest. As a result of several inquiries by students on Headquarters Relocation Planning we asked [REDACTED] to give a talk which was well received by the group. This was made possible in an hour originally scheduled as a reading period. One lecture, on newly emergent areas in Western Hemisphere was cancelled at the last minute when [REDACTED] was called out of the country. Acting chief, [REDACTED] said that he was in a bind and could offer no replacement because of Col. King's absence. The WH area talk was originally scheduled because a number of students in the previous CSR course suggested the WH coverage and Col. King had indicated that he would be pleased to have his area represented. The NE and AF representatives, however, absorbed the time with more than usual student interest in the talk on AF by [REDACTED].

Col. White spoke on 3 October. Earlier [REDACTED] called me and said that she had suggested to Col. White to vary his talk somewhat and she hoped that we would take notes on it. This talk was covered and the substance of his remarks is appended to this report. A copy has been sent to [REDACTED]. Mr. Kirkpatrick also spoke on 3 October. As you know, he is leaving for Europe on 5 October and would not have been available later in this course. Mr. Kirkpatrick departed somewhat from his usual talk and he was unusually good. He stressed the fact that the best training in CIA is going begging. He was concerned to note that class after class is being cancelled and the best chance of developing career officers is being denied. He places the blame directly on middle level supervisors. Notes of Mr. Kirkpatrick's talk are also appended to this report.

I am more than pleased to note that the Career Council has adopted a resolution requiring personnel selected for external training to have as a pre-requisite to their training a course in CSR.

b. Covert Action Operations: The Covert Action Operations course began on 3 October with an enrollment of 19 students. Twenty-four students were registered but we decided to cut back to 20 which is a maximum for the class based on facilities, and instructor capabilities. Three registrants were asked to postpone until 28 November. On the opening day we discovered that one registrant had resigned from the Agency, another had departed PCS and the third could not find the course because the division did not know where the course was being held. We finally caught up with the third one.

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The class appears to be alert. In fact they refuse to take a break when a lecturer finishes early.

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[REDACTED] that he would like to propose a covert action training seminar on the under-developed areas, i.e., a session on political action problems that we face in these areas and how we should go about solving them. Of course we think its a good idea, in fact, two hours are given to the subject in this Covert Action course.

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c. Scientific and Technical Operations: The Registrar has been notified by memorandum of the cancellation of this course. Two post-mortem comments on this course are worthy of note. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in conversation with [REDACTED] said that the cancellation of this course has caused her to revise her opinion about the lack of students for training. She said she had held to the belief that the lack of interest in course material made recruitment for training the prime problem. Since she finds nothing wrong with the substance of the S&T course she is beginning to think that there are other factors that cause small enrollments. She now believes that there must be something wrong with the Clandestine Services training selections and philosophy. An equally astute observation is that of [REDACTED] who does not believe that the S&T course should be given to large numbers of case officers. Bob's comment is that since about 75 case officers have taken the course we should limit the course to one per year. He implied that only a small number of officers need to be trained in S&T and that only replacements for these officers need be considered for training. Need I say anymore!

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When Dr. Scoville was told of the S&T cancellation he expressed great surprise particularly after he had spoken to [REDACTED] (on 29 September) and got assurances of support for the course. What can one say to Dr. Scoville when he remarks that there must be something wrong in the way the Clandestine Services appear to flaunt the directive of the DD/P.

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d. CI Operations: The CI Operations course No. 36 ended successfully on 30 September. A course report is being prepared.

Agreements to participate in a conference on 6 October regarding proposed CI course changes have been obtained from representatives of the CI Staff, SR, EE, WH, FE, NE, and WE area divisions. The only person nominated by the AF Staff is attending the CSR. We have assurances of AF support, however, from [REDACTED] who said he is in favor of the proposal and will help out with an area problem. F

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e. JOT Program: The completed Clandestine Services Orientation (CSO) report with attachments is almost ready in its finished form. While the nature of the CSO made it impossible to do an individual evaluation of each student, we have made some comments by identifying those students who showed the keenest interest and participated most actively in terms of their questions.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

Nothing to report.

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